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The Honorable Peter W. Rodino
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter expresses the views of the Intelligence Community on H.R. 4826, which is presently before your Committee. Because it inadequately protects the conduct of authorized intelligence activities, the Intelligence Community opposes this bill in its current form.

H.R. 4826 would amend Chapter 93 of Title 18, United States Code, to forbid the recording by federal employees of telephone conversations without the consent of all parties to such conversations. Although individuals "engaged in foreign intelligence or counterintelligence work" would be exempt from this prohibition, this exception does not include other vital Intelligence Community functions, such as personnel, physical plant and communications security.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this letter from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

/s/ Clair E. George

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